

SENATE BILL 2087
By Wilder

AN ACT to amend Chapter 169 of the Private Acts of 1998; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the election of aldermen of the town of Somerville, Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 169 of the Private Acts of 1998, is amended by deleting subsection (B) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(B) The terms of office for the mayor and aldermen shall be for four (4) year terms with biennial elections to be held on the second Wednesday of May in each even-numbered year. The terms of office for the Mayor and Aldermen shall begin at 12:01 p.m. on the first Monday of June next following their election, and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. No informality shall invalidate such an election, if it is conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of this chapter and the general election laws of the state. It is the intent of this section to designate the existing six (6) aldermanic positions as positions one (1) through six (6). In filing for election, any candidate for alderman shall select and identify the position sought. The mayor and all aldermen shall be elected from the city at large and one (1) alderman shall be elected to each position. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in an election for each designated position shall be declared elected as mayor and aldermen. In the event of a tie vote in any mayor or alderman's election, the incumbent board shall decide which of the candidates shall serve. At the regular May election held in 2004, elections shall be held for the position of mayor and aldermen's positions one (1), two (2), and three (3). Persons elected on that date shall serve four (4) year terms. At the regular May election held in 2006, elections shall be held for

aldermanic positions four (4), five (5), and six (6), and persons elected on that date shall serve four (4) year terms. Such staggered elections shall continue thereafter. The mayor and any alderman shall be eligible for re election provided they continue to meet all requirements for those offices.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the town of Somerville. Its approval or non approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the board of mayor and aldermen and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in section 2.